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 SUBJECT: CONTRACTS RELATED TO SOVIET GAS PIPELINE  
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1. AT THIS TIME EMBASSY KNOWS OF ONLY THREE CONTRACTS FOR MATERIAL THAT COULD BE USED IN THE SOVIET GAS PIPE-LINE PROJECT. NONE OF THE SALES IS SPECIFICALLY TIED TO THE PROJECT, BUT THE MATERIAL PURCHASED WILL NO DOUBT BE USED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIPELINE, OR WILL BE USED IN SIMILAR PROJECTS THEREBY FREEING OTHER MATERIAL FOR USE IN THE PROJECT.

2. CONTRACTS:

A. 390 PIPELAYERS (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) BY KOMATSU; CONTRACT SIGNED AUGUST 1981, FINANCED BY SUPPLIER CREDITS FROM JAPAN EXIM BANK. 130 LAYERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SHIPPED. THE REMAINDER ARE TO BE SHIPPED THROUGH JUNE 1982. PRICE IS APPROXIMATELY \$100,000,000.

B. 495 PIPELAYERS (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) BY KOMATSU. CONTRACT SIGNED NOVEMBER 1981 FOR CASH. SHIPMENT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE-DECEMBER 1982. APPROXIMATE PRICE, \$125,000,000.

C. 700,000 TONS OF STEEL TUBE. CONTRACT SIGNED IN NOVEMBER 1981, FINANCED BY JAPAN EXIM BANK FOR FIVE YEARS AT EIGHT PER CENT. SHIPMENTS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL THROUGH DECEMBER 1982. VENDORS: NEW JAPAN STEEL, JAPAN STEEL TUBE, SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, KAWASAKI STEEL. PRICE, UNKNOWN.  
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